

*Abstract of the Disclosure*

A learning network is formed that includes “competencies” as content objects in the network, in addition to learning objects and knowledge objects. The nodes forming the network for linked in an individual pattern for each user accessing the network, thus

5 allowing the learning network to be used by both novices and experts. The network includes data retrieval utilities that are configured to continuously access external sources of information to update the content stored in the network. Each network access by a user creates an updated relational table between the nodes, forming a dynamic interconnection of nodes so that the learning network provides improved response to each

10 user during each subsequent access.

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